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BILL ARP'S WEEKLY LETTER.

DISCUSSES CHARACTERISTICS OF PRUIT AND MEAT EATERS.

A DISSERTATION ON GARDENING.

He Tells How People Lived Before the Introduction of Flesh as an Article of Food.

And now the potato bugs have come gain—come early—ahead of time, and I have to wage war on them. There is always something to prey on everything that is good. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and just so it is the price of a good garden. The weeds outgrow everything you plant and nothing hurts them. Briers and thisties and crabgrass and dogfennel and chickweed grow right along just like little sins and bad habits. It takes constant work and constant watching to keep down weeds and original sin. Hoe, every one that thirsteth! I bought Hoe, every one that thirsteth! I bought a dime's worth of paris green and dissolved half a tablespoonful in half a bucket of water and sprinkled the beetles carefully last evening and this morning they are dead. But this does not end it, for they have just 'egun to come. It is not much trouble and will save the potatoes. I tried it last year. Be sure and mark the paper that contains the powder 'poison' and put it where the grandchildren can't get it. Put the mixture on with an old whisk Put the mixture on with an old whisk broom and what is left in the bucket hang it up high somewhere till wanted

We had a fruit growers' convention here last week and learned a good deal about exterminating these pestiferous things, both visible and invisible. It is a right good education to hear such experienced men talk as Mr. Miller, Colonel Nesbitt and Mr. Starnes. I wish the convention would meet here once a month. My respect for horti-culture and horticulturists is very great. The Berckmans and Mr. Rumph and Dr. Jones have done a world of good in advancing the growth of fruit trees and diffusing knowledge among the people. Mr. Miller, too, though more recently domiciled among us, is already a household word in this part

The growing of fruit is no doubt the oldest occupation known to man. It most happily combines physical labor with scientific study and the reward is useful, gratifying and refining. There is no doubt but fruit and regetables were the only food of mankind for 1,500 years after man was created. I alluded to this in a little talk I delivmy Bible-reading friends have since questioned me about it and asked for my authority. They reminded me that Abel's sacrifice was from his flocks and was more acceptable than Cain's offering of the fruits of the ground. It does not follow, however, that the flocks were for food. Only a few of the animals were fit for anything and these few, such as domestic cattle, were required for beasts of burden and tilling the soil and furnish-

ing clothing. "And the Lord made coats of skins and clothed them." "Before the fall, and while Adam and Eve lived in the garden of Eden,

the fruit of the trees and the herbs therein were their only food. After they were driven from the garden the "Thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt

thou eat bread.' And God sent him forth from the garden to till the ground whence he was taken." There is nothing about eating flesh up to that time. Before Eve was crea-

ted the Lord said to Adam: "I have given you every herb and the fruit of every tree and to you it shall be for meat."

He gave Adam dominion over the animals and Adam named them, but nowhere is it intimated that they were for meat.

Now let us pass down the genera tions until after the flood, "And God said to Neah, The fear of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and every fowl of the air and the fishes of sea; and every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you. Even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh, with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat."

When Moses came he limited the kind of animals that might be used for food. Swine were especially prohibited and to this day no Jew will make a hog of himself by eating hog. Flesh eating has never been considered refining or spiritualizing in its influences upon our nature, and yet there is no doubt that the laboring man needs animal food. Solomon says, "Go not among the riotous eaters of flesh." The children of Israel childed Moses for bringing them away from the flesh pots of Egypt, and so the Lord sent them quaits to eat for supper and manna for breakfast. Even some of our teeth are called canines, from "canis," a dog, because we tear flesh with them like a dog. As a man grows old he cares less for flesh, but his appetite for truit never leaves him. But if he dident lose his liking for fiesh he couldn't ent much of it nonow, for about that time he loses his th and Providence admonishes him that it is time to prepare for that spir-itual food that cometh from above. There is a food of the gods called amsein, but it is made of fruit and not Cannibals love flesh-raw flesh, bloody flesh, and even eat human flesh, and they are next to dogs in the scale of creation. No, there is no refinement in flesh eating, and yet



STATUE OF WASHINGTON, UNVEILED IN PHILADELPHIA BY THE PRESIDENT.

am free to confess that I am not yet old enough or saint enough to refuse to dine on turkey or fried chicken or quail on toast. Goldsmith's hermit was dreadfully heartbroken when he

That was all right until he found his

"So flocks that roam the valley free To slaughter I condemn; Taught by that power that pities me, I learn to pity them."

Angelina and then I recken he killed a chicken for breakfast. But it is a fact that most kind-hearted people will con-fess, that if they had to kill their own sheep and bullocks and chickens for dood they would do without flesh for a long time. It takes a hard heart and a strong man to butcher a lamb, and yet it has to be done. I don't mean a hardened heart, but a heart that will not faint at sight of pain or blood. My mother would not kill a chicken, but she would dress it and cook it without objection. I have wrung their heads off, but I wouldn't do it now for my own sake. I As we grow older we grow kinder and have more respect for the life that God gave to all his creatures. That is, except snakes. I never hesitate about killing snakes. Uncle Sam killed a little one in the lower corner of the garden last week and my wife hasent been in those parts since, for she still insists that were there is one there are two.

But I don't blame woman for her antipathy to snakes. They gave old mother Eve a great trouble and it has survived to all her daughters. "In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children and thy desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee." What an awful curse! especially the last.

It was hard, very hard, on Eve; for the command not to eat of the tree of knowledge was not given to her, but to Adam before Eve was created. Maybe Adam did not tell her in an impressive manner.

Nevertheless the curse is upon her and will remain so until she joins the angels, I reckon. -BILL ARP in Atlanta Constitution.

Firing Under Water.

A stage was erected in the harbor of Portsmouth within the tide mark; on this an Armstrong gun of the one hundred and ten pound pattern was mounted. The gun was then loaded and carefully aimed at a target while the tide was low. The target itself was placed only twenty-five feet from the muzzle of the gun. It was composed of oak beams and planks, and was twenty-one inches thick. In order to make the Griper invulnerable, a sheet of boiler plate three inches thick was riveted to the water-logged hull in direct range with the course the ball was expected to take if not deflected by the water.

On all of these-the oaken target, the boller plates, and the old vessel's hull-the effect of the shot from the submerged gun was really startling. The wooden target was pierced through and through, the boiler iron target was broken into pieces, and driven into its "backing," the ball passing right out through both sides of the vessel, making two huge holes, through which the water poured in torrents. Taken altogether, the experiment was an entire success.

The Swedes do not intend to let heir neighbors, the Norwegians, have It all their own way with Arotic exokuntions, and it is said that an expedition will be sent from Stockholm to Konig Karl's Land, east of Spitzbergen, next summer. It is intended that the same expedition shall also explore the islands and undiscovered region between Spitzbergen and Frans Josef Land

NEW WASHINGTON MONUMENT. Imposing Statue Unveiled in Philadelphia

by President McKinley.

The Washington Monument, unveiled in Philadelphia on Saturday by President McKinley, is an imposing and beautiful structure. It has been erected by the Pennstructure. It has been erected by the Pennsylvania Society of the Cincinnati, and is presented to the city of Philadelphia. It is in Fairmount Park at the Green street entrance. The movement to erect the monument had its inception in 1810. A German sculptor, Rudolph Siemering, designed it, and it was constructed abroad, arriving in this country in 1897.

The monument is forty-four feet high. An equestrian figure of Washington stands twenty feet above the pedestal. At the four corners of the platform are

At the four corners of the platform are fountains served by allegorical figure of American Indians, representing the Del aware, Hudson, Potomac and Mississipp rivers. Each fountain is guarded on the sides by typical American animals—the moose, bullalo, deer and bear—and on the front and back of the pedestal are two alle-

LYNCHED THREE MEN.

A' Texas Mob Took the Prisoners From Guard and Hanged Them From a Tree. Dave Cotton, aged thirty-two; Berry Williams, aged nineteen, and Sabe Stuart, aged twenty, all colored, were hanged by mob of between seventy-five and one hundred men three miles from Rosebud, Texas. The victims entered the residence of William Coates, living at Rosebud, and attempted to assault his daughter, Miss Lottie Coates.

The colored men were arrested and placed

in the jail. About 9.30 o'clock p. m. masked men attempted to take the prisoners. Becoming alarmed, the guards took the prisoners and started with them for Marlin, the county seat, to place them in jail. About two and one-half miles from town they were intercepted and covered with pistols by masked men, who took the prisoners from the conveyance and hanged them to an elin tree. The Sheriff offers \$100 reward for the apprehension of the lynchers.

Falling Off in Immigration.

The returns received by the Immigration. Bureau in Washington for several months show a marked failing off in the number of immigrant arrivals in this country. The arrivals in the nine months ending March 37, 1897, was 142,941, as compared with 209,630 for the same period in the preceding year. Commissioner General Stump estimates that the decrease for the fiscal year ending on June 30 will be not less than 83,000.

Count Castellane has written a letter to Baron Mackau informing him that the

Countess (who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York) has decided, in memory of her mother, to devote \$200,000 to the purchase of a site and the erection of a building in Paris to be used for all kinds of charitable

Ex-Senator Coke Dead. Ex-United States Senator Biehard Coke died at his home in Texas a few days ago. He had been ill for a long time. He was sixty-eight years old. His last term in the Senate expired in 1895.

TROUBLE IS COMING.

Germany, France and Russia Have United Against England.

Berlin, May 15 .- (By Cable.)-The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that during the past week a definite understanding was perfected by which the cabinets of Germany, Frence and Russia will soon reach the solution of the Egypt and Transvaal questions and this will be done systematically in an anti-British sense. As soon as the Greco-Turkish mat-As soon as the Greco-Turkish matters are settled, the subject will be jointly taken up unless Great Britain in the meanwhile precipitates matters, in which case she will encounter the united, open hostility of the three continental powers. The ultimate object of the agreement is to force the evacuation of Egypt and the pullification of the Pretoria convention of 1886, and to put the Transvaal upon a perfectly independent basis.

dependent basis.

France, in the settlement of peace conditions with Greece, will persistently side with Russia and Germany, in spite of the strong current of public opinion to the contrary.

MOB LYNCHES TWO GIRLS.

ELKIN, N. C., THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1897.

Colored Servants Hanged to a Tree

THEY HAD POISONED A FAMILY.

One of Them Confessed-Had Killed One Person and Nearly Killed a Score-The Lynching Was the Work of About Twenty Men and Their Identity Has Not Been Discovered by the Sheriff'

BIRMINGHAM, Als. (Special).-Mollie Smith

and Amanda Franklin, two young colored

women, were found at daybreak Wednesday morning awinging from a tree on the road between Jeff and Huntsville, in Madison County. The twenty men who had lynched them had disappeared. The girls paid the penalty of death for poisoning the family of Joshus O. Kelly, a prominent citizen of Jeff. Several attempts have been made to poison the Kelly family. The first was made poison the Kelly family. The first was made two months ago. Mr. Kelly and his family, consisting of eleven persons, arose from the supper table one night suffering from terrible pains, and the next day Mr. Kelly died in great agony. It was ascertained that arsenid had get into the coffee, but it was thought then that it was an accident. Eleven persons set up with the body of Mr. Kelly the night after his death. Toward midnight they partook of some sausage, and at once became iil. Fortunately there was a physician in attendance, and no fatality resuited. Last Frida; all the members of the family arose from the breakfast table with terrible cramps in the stomach. Although none has yet died, several are still in a dangerous condition. This time it developed that the poison was in the bread. Suspicion was then directed to Mollie Smith, a young colored girl, who had formerly worked in the family, and a search of her house was made. Mollie had anticipated the visit, and had started to Tennessee on foot. Amanda Franklin, Mollie's successor in the Kelly home, was also suspected. Twenty men gathered Wednesday. Some of them started out to capture Mollie, whom they overtook some ten miles away. The Franklin girl was found at her home, in bed. She was told to get up and dress, and go with the posse, which she did. The Franklin girl gave way when she was cross-questioned, and finally made a clean breast of the whole affair. She confessed to the last poisoning, but said Mollie Smith had put the poison in the coffee and sausages, and had persuaded her to poison the bread, which she did while carrying the flour of which it was made from the pantry to the kitchen.

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kitchen.

The Smith girl denied everything, even when faced with the Franklin girl and the latter s confession. The posse, satisfied of the guilt of the two girls, carried them to the woods, a short distance from Mollie Smith's house, and, deaf to tears, prayers and screams, tied ropes about their necks and hanged them to a tree, waiting quietly until it was evident they were dead. Without a word they then stole away in the darkness. There will probably never be a clew to their identity.

BOY MURDERER HANGED. Elmer Clawson the Youngest Person Ever Executed in New Jersey.

of age, was hanged Wednesday in the Somerset County Jail at Somerville, N. J., for the murder of Harry Hodgett, his former employer. He was the youngest murderer executed in the State, and next to the youngest person convicted of a capital crime in New Jersey. The drop fell at 10.07 o'clock, a. m., and in nine minutes the young murderer was pronounced dead. Before the execution he admited his guilt

Before the execution he admitted his guilt and expressed contrition for his crime. He was attended by Bev. J. O. Wiemer of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Somerville, who said that he had baptized the condemned youth.

The crime for which Clawson paid the death penalty was committed at 6 o'clock on the morning of August 29, 1896. The victim was his former employer, Harry Hodgett, an Englishman, thirty years of age, the owner of a small farm at Pluckamin. Clawson demanded work and a quarrel followed, Hodgett accusing the young man of having robbed him while in his employ a year before. During a quarrel the youth shot Hodgett. The murderer then rode away on his bicydle, but was overtaken by two men in a buggy.

TRANSVAAL'S REPLY DEFIANT. Insists Upon Its Rights and Suggests Arbitration With England.

A dispatch from Cape Town, South Africa, says that the reply of the Transvaal Government to the strong note, said to amount to an ultimatum, from the Secre-Chamberlain, insisting upon observance of the London Convention, is defiant in tone. It insists, the dispatch adds, upon the right of the Transvaal to demand arbitration of the questions in dispute, and also upon its right to pass the Allen Immigration law, and asserts that, if the right is disputed, arbitration is the best means of arriving at a settlement of the question.

Japanese Cruiser at Honolulu.

On May 5 the Japanese cruiser Naniwa arrived at Honolulu, Hawali, from Yokohama with Japanese Commissioner Abi-yama, who is to investigate the cases of the rejected immigrants. Commissioner Abi-yama states that his mission is friendly. It he finds the Hawaii Government has erred a claim for damages will be made. He de-nies that Japan seeks war, and says nego-tiations will be conducted diplomatically.

Speaker Charles Blandford, of the Kentucky House of Representatives, is in Washington in pursuit of a Federal office. He has been there so long, and has given no sign of returning, that his fellow legislators moved that a new Speaker be elected. The motion was adopted, and M. T. Flippin, of Monroe County, was chosen to succeed Mr. Blandford.

Wintry Weather dn Great Britain Heavy snowstorms prevalled on May 12 over the English countles of Berkshire, Lincoinshire and Herdordshire. In Scot-land there have been heavy snow and hall storms, and the weather has been as cold as during the month of November. There was a sharp frost in London and in the in-land countles.

Wild Dear a Pest. Wild deer have multiplied, immensely on Long Island during the closed season. They are not only calling the crops, but are de-stroying plants and flowers.

Spain the Arbitrator.

Peru and Bolivia have submitted their Peru and Bolivia have submitted their Earl Gray Wilson, the newly-sleet major of Morrow, Onio, is said to be of twenty-was ready old.

OUR BUTTER FOR EUROPE. First Step in an Effort to Extend the Mar-

The first experimental exportation a butter from this country has just been made from New York City, when the Government, through an agent sent by the Agri-

from New York City, when the Government, through an agent sent by the Agricultural Department, shipped three quarters of a ton of selected futter for sale in Europe. The result of this experiment is of great importance to the agricultural interests, as it is the first step in an effort of the Government to extend materially the market for American butter and gain some of the trade with Great Britain in particular which Denmark practically controls with considerable profit. An incidental object is to determine what improvements are needed in transportation facilities. Some butter is now being sent abroad by private firms, but it is alleged to be of interior grades. Unsatisfactory storage in crossing the occan and carelessness inleaving the shipments on uncovered piers at Scuthampton before being loaded into freight care, thus making the butter soft, have further deteriorated its value in the English market.

The butter sent comes from the Iowa Agricultural College and a creamery at Windsor, Vt. Subsequent shipments which will be made during the summer at intervals will be obting the summer at intervals will be obting the summer at intervals will be a high standard only the best grades will be shipped, and the butter will be sold at the prevailing market prices. The present shipment went on the steamer St. Paul, and will be kept at a low temperature. The cargo is made up of packages of different sizes to determine which is most satisfactory. A Department agent will meet the ship at Southampton, England, and take proper care of the product and attend to its sale. The appointment of butter and southampton to take care of these interests is possible.

NEW MOTIVE POWER USED. Electricity Tested on the New England Railroad.

The directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, in conjunction with the directors of the New York and New England Railroad Company, have begun the most important experiment ever undertaken by those who believe in the ultimate supremacy of electricity over steam as a motive power. A train moved and controlled by electricity developed at a central power-house was run from Berlin, Conn., to Hartford, on a regular schedule between two trains drawn by steam locomotives, in the ordinary way. The electrically equipped train did not in any way interfere with the passage of the train drawn by locomotives. This is important as showing that railroads on which there is a large and constant volume of passenger traffic may be gradually changed from steam to electricity without any interference with the comfort of passengers.

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KENTUCKY G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT. Ex-Confederates Take Prominent Parts in the Ceremonies.

The State Encampment, Grand Army of Elmer Clawson, a boy of nineteen years | the Republic, at Lexington, was the mos remarkable ever held in Kentucky, from the fact that ex-Confederates took the leading part in the exercises, and only one Union soldier made a set speech. Union soldier made a set speech.

Captain Stephen G. Sharp, an ex-Confederate, was the Chief Marshal of the day.

Colonel William C. P. Breckinridge, an ex-Confederate, made the address of welcome.

Judge Jerre R. Morton, an ex-Confederate, presented the encampment in a neat speech with a gavel made from wood grown on the battlefield of Chickamanga.

The only Federal soldier to make an address was General Samuel E. Hill. Adjutant.

dress was General Samuel E. Hill, Adjutant-General of Kentucky under Governor Buck-ner. He accepted the gavel on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. He made, what was considered the best speech of the afternoon, and when he spoke of how the old soldiers had buried the hatchet he asked Judge Morton to rise. They clasped hands, and in this position General Hill finished his address amid deafening and prolonged applause. Then five hundred school children sang "Divie."

About 12,000 persons were in attendance.

The parade was participated in by all of the larger Southern military organizations. The encampment was held at the Chautauqua grounds.

"BILL" STRONG SHOT DEAD. The Famous Kentucky Mountain Fighter Assassinated.

Captain William Strong, the greatest mountain fighter in eastern Kentucky, died with his boots on a few days ago, after having successfully dodged rifle bullets for twenty-five years. He had left his home,

twenty-five years. He had left his home, which is about ten miles east of Jackson, to go to the house of a neighbor, and had been gone only a few minutes when his family was startled by shooting, which appeared to be not more than half a mile away. Members of the family ran toward the place where the sound of shooting was and found Strong dead on the roadside, seven bullets having penetrated his body.

Strong was lying on his back with his revolver in his right hand. The revolver had barely been drawn from his pocket when a bullet broke the arm. Not a shot had been fired from the revolver.

Investigation showed that a blind had been constructed in a place impediately above the road commanding a fun view of the thoroughfare for a distance of several hundred yards. Seraps of bread and meat were found behind the blind, and other signs which showed that several men had been hiding there for Strong. been hiding there for Strong.

TERRIBLE CRIME IN RUSSIA. A Hermit Walls Up Alive Seventeen to Receive the Martyr's Crown.

A terrible crime, the result of superstition, has been committed at Tirespol, in the government of Kherson, Bussia, where are a number of hermitages inhabited by sectarians. Recently seventeen of the her-mits disappeared, and it was believed that they had emigrated in fear of the impend-ing day of judgment, but a hermit named Kowalind has confessed that he walled them up alive in response to their earnest entreaties that they might receive the martyr's crown. The police examined the spot and verified the confession.

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